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Wild West Notes.

By M. A. Beall.

"Hang on to your Omahas" that is the best advice that can be given to the collect- these days, "get all you can" is just as good, however. All values are unusually rare for a stamp which has been in use for six months in the United States.

Many collectors think that their boom will "fall flat" in a manner similar to the Columbian issue, many dealers are offering but little for them, fearing a drop.

That they will become as common as the Columbians is impossible, they will be in use but several months; the Columbians were in use over a year. They are furnished to post offices only on special request of the postmaster and then the public, in turn, gets them by an expressed desire; the Columbian issue was furnished to every post office in the United States and were used instead of the regular small sized issue, thereby finding their way on every package.

"Save your Omahas" again I say. Because dealers do not offer face for them is not a sign that they will not be worth that to everyone before long.

Every collector in the U. S. who purchased a complete set of the maple leaf issue while they were current, is hugging himself at every bound they take.

A stamp which will have a high figure set after it in the next catalogue, will be the five cent dark blue of 1898. It was used in that color such a short time and then its use was largely hindered by the Omaha of that value, so that speculators are investing largely in that denomination.

The writer has lately been trying to complete his sets of Hawaiian stamps and has had the misfortune to find it almost impossible. Everybody is holding back for the next catalogue, and the stamps are unobtainable at anywhere near 58th figures.

A Condensed Philatelic Encyclopædia

(Continued from issue of Nov. 30.)

Grille or Grill. A grate. Philatelically it is an American word the usage dating back to the early 60's of the U. S. issues. The grille was a rectangle of indentations into the paper, impressed at the back of the stamp, and designed to break the fibre of the paper, causing it to readily absorb the cancelling ink and retain it so as to prevent washing and subsequently re-use.

Government Counterfeits. Stamps manufactured by a government from new plates in imitation of some former issue, the plates of the original issue having been destroyed.

Government Reprints. Stamps reprinted by a government from the original plates after the issue is obsolete.

Gum. The thin glazy substance on the back of stamps and flaps of envelopes. When moistened this becomes sticky or adhesive. Gum is made of dextrine, gum arabic, acacia, senegal and other substances.

Hinge or Stampmount. A bent piece of adhesive paper used to attach a stamp to a card, sheet of paper or leaf of a book.

The Philatelic Press as it should be.

By Otis.

The above was the subject of an article that appeared in the first number of the Toronto *Philatelic Weekly*. The writer of that article, if such it may be called, reminds one of the frog that became so vain, because he had a few more stripes of green than his neighbors, that he puffed himself up until he was twice his former size. He had a few friends who thought of making him their king, because of his greatness.(?) But just when everything was ready he gave himself one more puff which burst his green coat and left him flat upon the ground. His friends were disgusted and said, "He is after all only wind."

He (the writer, not the frog) says our journals are filled with "stuff" by amateurs thus debarring the intelligent "wind" by "greenies."

Now I will leave it with any of the readers whether the efforts of the young writers are not more appreciated than the majority of articles by the "upper-ten."

By far the greatest number of papers go to the youths of our land, and it is the youth who knows what is wanted by the others. A man who calls the efforts of our boys "stuff" can no more write anything to please than the frog could rule with only wind. But what disgusts me most, is that one who himself has on a green coat should call others verdure.

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The new stamp has been seen by a prominent Toronto collector who says it is not up to his expectations.

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